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Dear Josh:

Enclosed is the manuscript that I discussed with you over the phone. I believe this process of integration is extremely important in <u>B. subtilis</u> and shows an analogy between transformation and lysogeny. We are currently testing the recombination against pMB9. Please feel free to show the manuscript and discuss it with your students as I mentioned in our conversation. Could it be reviewed rapidly? I believe it is an important communication that could significantly influence the current level of thinking on rDNA. Possible reviewers include Stan Cohen, John Spizizen and Don Helinski in addition to yourself.

Thanks for your consideration.

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